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- Amendment and Response To Restriction Requirement with Appendix A; and
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 24, 1999, Applicants request that the following amendments and remarks be made of record in the above-captioned patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (AMENDED) A method of evaluating a function of a receptor protein tyrosine kinase comprising the following steps:

(a) transfecting a nucleic acid vector into cells, wherein said vector encodes a chimera comprising an extracellular region and an intracellular region, wherein said intracellular region is from said receptor protein tyrosine kinase.

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